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Storm Franklin named

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Storm Franklin has been named as the low-pressure system is expected to bring high winds during Sunday night and into Monday morning for much of the UK.

The latest storm follows on from a week in which Storm Dudley and Storm Eunice also impacted the UK, although wind gusts from Storm Franklin are expected to be lower than Eunice which triggered two Red Weather Warnings.

Northern areas of Northern Ireland are covered by an Amber Wind Warning that will be in force from early Monday morning. Within the Amber Warning area, winds could be in excess of 80mph in exposed coastal areas, but more widely between 60 and 70mph. Damage to buildings is possible, and there's likely travel disruption.

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The storm is forecast to bring strong winds and heavy rain to the UK on Sunday and Monday
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An extended Yellow Warning for wind which covers much of the rest of the UK, except the northeast, has also been issued for Storm Franklin. Within the yellow warning area, wind gusts will be 65-75mph in coastal areas, and more widely 50-60mph further inland. The coasts of the northwest of England and the southwest of Scotland could see gusts of up to 75mph for a short period on Sunday night and early Monday morning.

The centre of Storm Franklin will track eastwards over the north of Scotland from early Monday morning, with the highest winds expected on the southern flank of the system. The centre of Storm Franklin will clear into the North Sea on Monday morning, although high winds will continue to be felt for most through Monday, as is reflected in the Yellow Weather Warning.

Met Office Chief Meteorologist Andy Page said: "Following the significant impacts of Storm Eunice on Friday, Storm Franklin will bring further high winds for many late on Sunday and into Monday, although not on the same scale as Eunice.

"Coastal areas of Northern Ireland, especially on that north coast, will get the strongest wind gusts, which could be around 80mph in a few places. Amber and Yellow Wind Warnings have been issued, and people should remain cautious ahead of the system that will bring 50-60mph wind gusts for much of the UK from late on Sunday and through Monday."

A Yellow Weather Warning is also in force in the northwest of England, with heavy rain expected through much of Sunday.

Some associated snow is possible for many in Scotland and the north of England late on Sunday and into Monday. The highest accumulations will be in the high ground, adding to existing lying snow in many of these areas, although snow is also possible in some lower ground in the north.

RAC Breakdown Spokesman Rod Dennis said: "Drivers will be glad to see the back of Storm Eunice but it looks like conditions on the roads will remain challenging right through the weekend. With winds still strong and gusty, it's important drivers don't take any chances, so we urge them to slow down and leave plenty of space between themselves and the vehicle in front.

"It's not just strong winds that they'll need to contend with – on Sunday intense rainfall becomes a feature making driving arduous. If conditions get particularly bad again, people should consider postponing their journeys, and for those who have to drive, it's vital they keep their wits about them at all times."

People are advised to check their local resilience authorities for ongoing safety advice around travel and preparations.

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